

- Dr. Martin Luthers
PROPHETIES
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Dr. Martin Luther's Prophecies of the Destruction of Rome, and the Down- fall of the Romish Religion.

TO waste much time in the needless Commendation of that Learned, and pious Reformer, Dr. *Martin Luther*, would be as great impertinence as that of the young *Rhetorician*'s, who spent three hours in an elaborate Declamation on the relinguency of the glorious Sun-beams. They are both so apparent to any Rational or Inquisitive Creature, that it would be but a Fantologie to applaud them; we daily enjoy the inestimable benefit of either: so far as the one delivered us from that uncomfortable darkness which first brooded over the primitive Chaos, and bate nothing but Confusion: so the other like a Friendly Pillar of Divine Light, kindly conducted us out of those dangerous paths of Superstition, and Idolatry, which would have led us into everlasting Destruction.

But *Malice Omnia vincit*. There should say one ignorantly, ignorantly ignorant of his Virtues and Endowments, I shall have no word acquaintance with the *Luther* who . . .

1. It who he who (if I only speak it with reverence) like our *Master*, had the honour to be prophesied of before he was born: and this, even the *Romans* themselves cannot deny, since their own Histories acquaint us that one *John Hilton* a person they themselves held in great Veneration for piety and gift of Prophecy, wrote now almost a hundred years before *Luther* had declared himself against the Church of Rome. Much about the year 1516, the *Mysteries of ungodliness* shall begin to be discovered, and the Sun of Righteousness shall shine forth in the Truth-of-the-Gospel, and Prophecy shall in *Germany*, and other parts of the World announce a Sudden Declension. This

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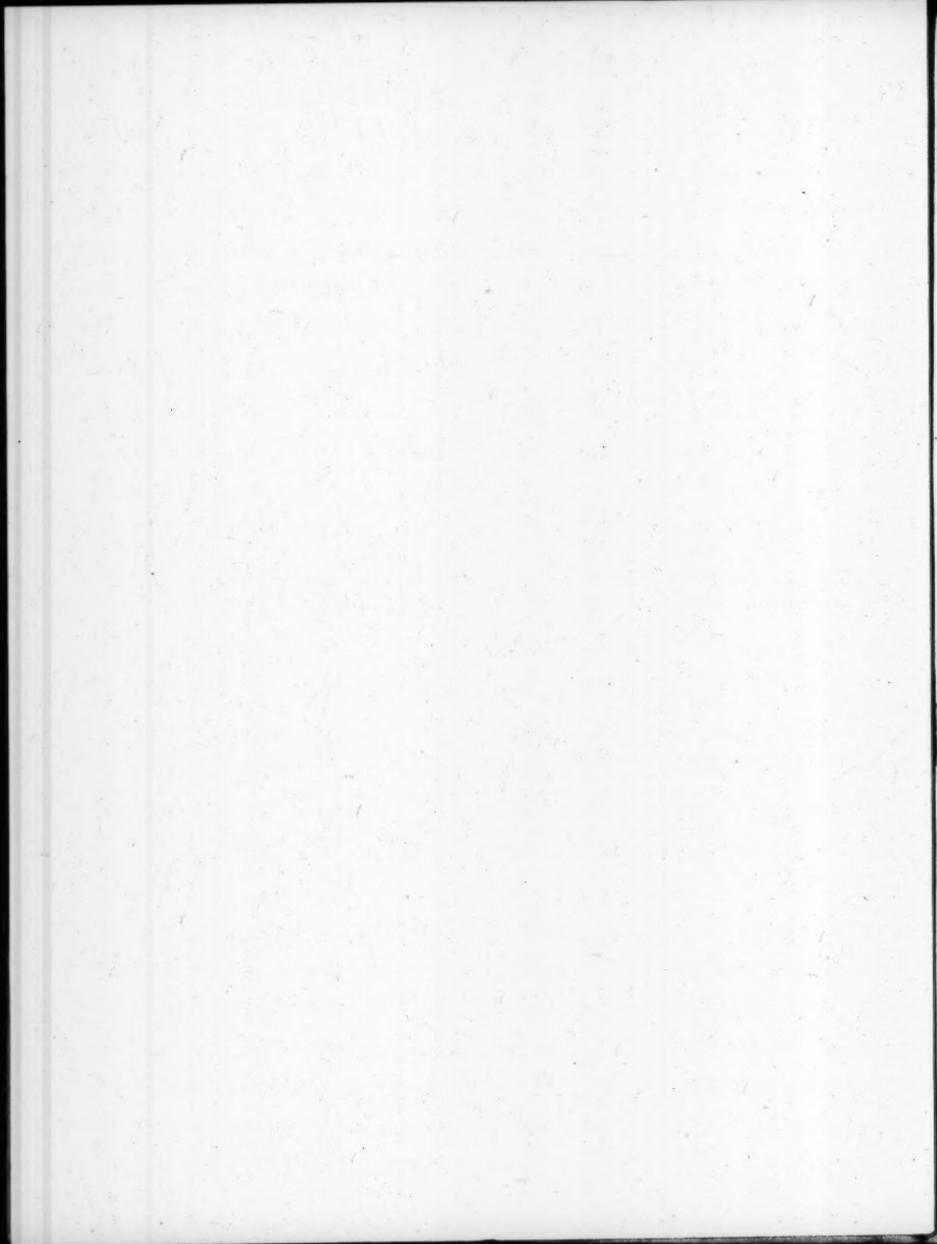
Prophecy was certainly fulfilled by Luther who appeared at that time against Rome, and in spite of all her then domineering tyranny gave her a greater blow than ever she received either before or since.

2. It was he of whom the Martyr John Hus on that day before his execution at Constance said, You now roast a Goose (for so His dignities) but one hundred years hence you shall hear a Swan sing, whom you shall not be able neither to roast, nor overcome.

3o. It was he who was graced with the Honourable title of Master of Arts at twenty years of age. 'Twas he who whilst he was perusing certain Books in the Library of the Colledge of Oxford happened to meet with a Copy of the Latine Bible, which he never had seen before, and having to his great admiration observ'd there were more Evangelical and Apostolical Texts in it than were suffer'd to be read openly in Churches, he therefore set himself to the Translating of the five Books of Moses, and afterwards finished both them and the remainder of the Old and the New Testament, which was by some Popish Bishops and Priests forbid to be read to the people. In fact, it was Dr. M. Luther, whom God in his infinite Wisdom raised, and furnished with a sufficient portion of Care, Courage, and Learning to inspect and Detect the damnable Superstition and Idolatry of the Church of Rome, which he resolutely performed, notwithstanding all the Threats and Persecutions which were made against him for his venturing to do it. Accordingly, it was in or about Germany, Denmark, Sweden, and most of the Protestant Countries in the world, are to a great measure beholding for their glorious Reformation.

Thus much I thought fit to premise, that the most scrupulous Reader may yet wonder that the Almighty should endow his worthy Champion of the now Reformed Religion with the Spirit of prophecy; which he was never to exercise on himself, saying some weeks before he Dyed, when I sent to him to know what he would do with the Coffin, and what render to the worms as far Luther to feed on: and so it fell out, for within two days after he said further he durst not die before the Expiration of his pen and ink, and wrote the following verse.





and wrote upon him, words to word the Pope.

Which Wittenb^r, one of his best Friends, taking as a prophetic saying, turned into a Distick of the same meaning; Thus,

Dixit dominus deus tuus postea (Papa) Lutherus.

Proibi causa, tuo faciat, missis erit.

Both of which may be thus paraphrastically turned into English:

*As Luther living was Romes plague, so shall
Her fall be eas'd by his mourn'd Funeral.*

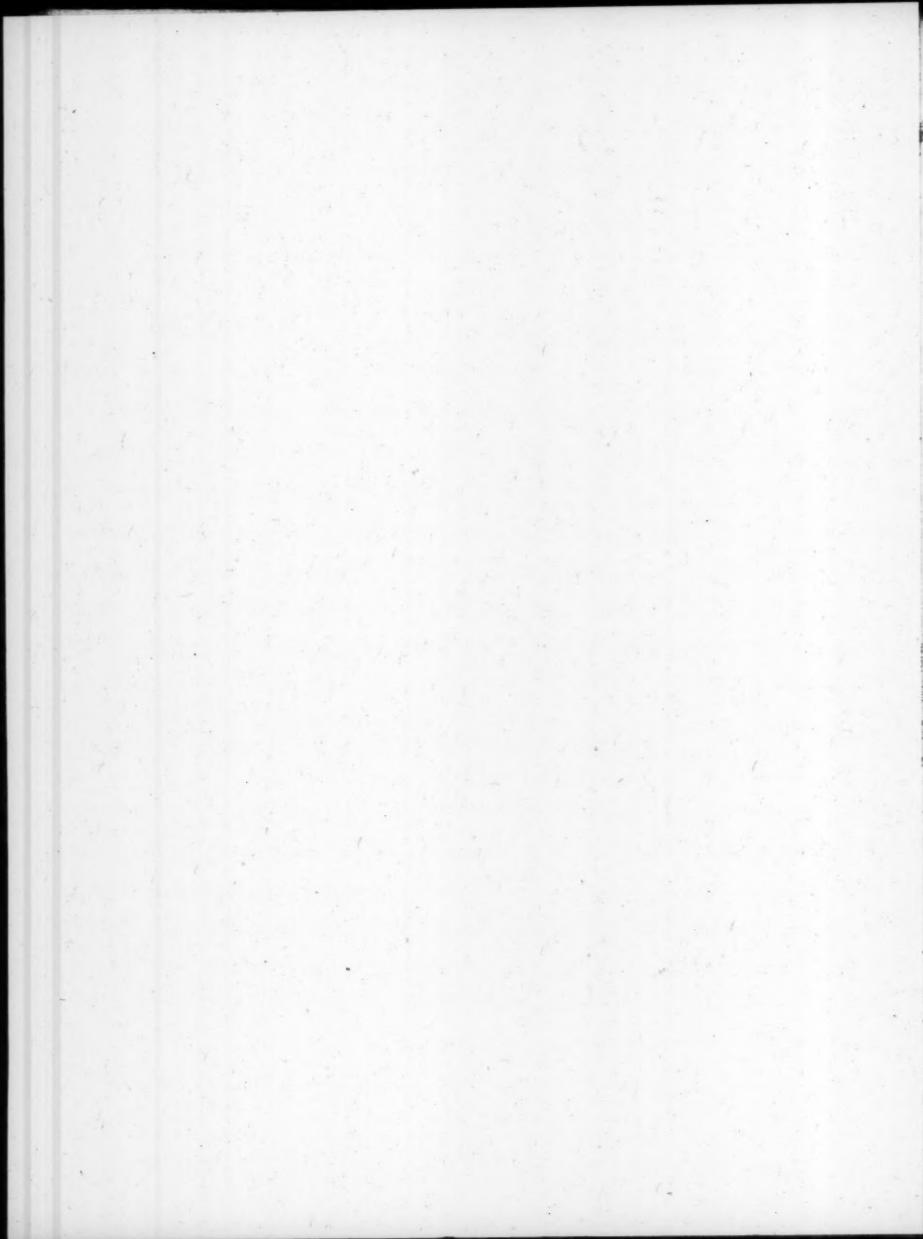
But long before this Luther was observ'd by all the Students at Wittenb^r to be endowed with the Spirit of Prophecy which he frequently exhibited to posterity, the greatest part of which were in predicting the Dissolution of those two grand temporal enemies of Truth and Religion the Turk and the Pope.

Concerning the latter of which in *Luther's Colloq.* pag. 328. he thus propheth^b; The Pope must fall, and Popery with him, since it is downright Blasphemy to hold as he does, viz. that the final cause of the Injunction of Human Traditions, is the true Service and Worship of God: and that it is necessary to salvation contrary to that of St. Paul, If either we or an Angel from Heaven preach any other Doctrine to you than what we have preached,

then know the Pope is the true Antichrist, because those that transgress his Decrees or violate his Statutes are more vigorously and severely punished than those who offend the Laws of God, which is a palpable transgression above the Antichrist, and therefore he is most properly called *Antichrist*.

Again says Luther, the Tyrannic and Usurp^t by reason the blindness of the Papists is so great and horrible, that they hold the Reconciliation of the Living, (which though it pretend to a sacrifice) yet all their Canons, Souldiers, and Prelates, preserv'd their life.

What a wretched place he pronounceth the Papal Government to be, The Pope, says he, must fall for that like a right Jew he must fail to enjoy by Christ a temporal Kingdom, he alone



will have all the Power, and Authority, he will rule and Determine all Councils, and incroach upon them under the Name of Christ. If one should have deflowered the Virgin Mary, or Crucified Christ, yet the Pope for money would undertake to Pardon and forgive the same. Therefore his Dominion is but short and will be brought to ruine according to the time signified by the number of the Beast, in the thirteenth of the Revelations, Page 306.

Again saith he, Popedom must fall, for that it hath been alwayes managed by wicked persons and correspondent to the impiety of their Doctrine: for as the Creator is in this case; such must be the Creature. Pope Alexander was a Moran, that is a Baptized Jew, he believed nothing at all s. he had a Concubine called *Lucrina* to whom he after espoused his own Son. The Pope that succeeded him was so great an Enemy to him, that he caused all the Windows, Gates, Doors, &c. whereto his Name or Arms were fixed, to be demolished or pulled down. When God spakest the word, (Romane destryd and lie in Ashes, Pope com down from your Throne, the word of God will be obeyed and must be immediately brought to passe.) *L. Collagus.* 303.

Pride again saith Luther, must undoubtedly have a Fall, and consequently so must the Pope. Another of his remarkable prophecies to the same purpose is express (*in Anytis* p. 314.) to this effect. The Pope and his accomplices presuming on their great power that they shall never fall do thereby hasten their fall, and God will overthrow them suddenly, if our own放鬆, and contempt of Gods word does not hinder it. Let us pray therefore that the same misfortunes they design us, may light on their own heads: they have Burned, Hanged, Drowned and Banished those that were amongst us, they will in no wise be recalled from their Devilish Practices.

To conclude, we have great hope these Prophecies of *the* may accordingly come to pass, as well as some other his prediction have been accomplished already (though upon other occasions) as plainly appears in his *Tom. 2. Epist. 20. &c. 307.* where he foretold the Combustion which arose in

Germany; as likewise the death of Frederick Elector of Saxony, Tom. 2. Epist. p. 10. he also in the same Book Prophesied the Dearth or Famine which happened in Germany according to his prediction. And now I shall detain you no longer about this Excellent person, but only present you with a small Manuscript written by his own hand, and not unproperly called,

On the Generation of Theological Corruption; or a Pedigree of Popish Principles.

By Dr. M. Luther.

THE Devil begat darkness, Darkness begat ignorance, Ignorance begat Error and his Brettbrau, Error begat Free-will and Presumption, out of Self-conceit, Free-will begat Mesis, Mesis begat forgetfulness of God, Forgetfulness of God begat Transgression, Transgression begat Superstition, Superstition begat Satisfaction, Satisfaction begat Oblation of the Mass, the Oblation of the Mass begat Inunction, Inunction begat not Priest, the Priest begat Mischief, Mischief begat Mischiefs, Mischiefs begat Hypocrisie, Hypocrisie begat Trading with Offerings for gain, Trading begat Purgatory, Purgatory begat yearly summeregils, yearly Vigiles begat Church-Living, Church-Living begat Mammon, Mammon begat Superfluity, Superfluity begat Excess, Excess begat Rape, Rape begat Lasciviousness, Lasciviousness begat Domination, Domination begat Power, Power begat Ambition, Ambition begat Simony, Simony begat mockery and blasphemy, the Pope begat the Mystery of Iniquity, the mystery of Iniquity begat Sophistical Divinity, Sophistical Divinity begat rejecting of the Holy Scriptures, the rejecting of the Holie Scriptures begat Tyrannie, Tyrannie begat Murdering of Saints, Murdering of Saints begat Abomination, Abomination begat Desolation, Desolation begat Anguish, Anguish begat Questioning, Questioning begat the Inerring on the Grounds of Truth; out of which the Pope, called Antichrist, is Assembled. Ex Luther's Prophecies, pag. 12.

I Shall now according to my Title, give you a brief account of *Mich. Nostradamus*, and then present you with some of his Prophecies which particularly concern *England* and *France*.

He was born in *S. Remy's Town* in *Provence* on the fourteenth of December, 1503. he was bred up in all the Learning in *France*, and having betaken himself to the Study of *Physick*, grew so excellent therein, that at last he became Physician to three successive Kings of that Countrey. I shall give my self the less trouble to demonstrate to the Reader that this Learned person was endowed with the Spirit of Prophecy, because I could instance above a thousand Prophecies of his which have already come to pass : but before I give you one or two which concerned our Nation as an instance ; I shall give you the judgement of one of the greatest wits in our last age, who in brief says thus,

God Almighty has chosen out *Mich. Nostradamus* to impart to the World many prodigious and extraordinary things which shall happen for the Future : again says he, next the *Apostles*, and Canonical Prophets, *Nostradamus* is to be preferred before any other in these four things, viz. in the Certainty, the Infallibility, in the Generality and quantity of his predictions, of which heres an example, written as he did all his other, in old Law French, of which I shall only give the beginning, and then set you down the English of them.

Trente de Londres secrēt

Englished thus, *Thirty of London shall conspire against their King:*
The Plot shall be made on London-Bridge.

What could appear more perfect in number, place and substance, to any one that can remember the Plotters against King Charles the First of blessed Memory, whose Conspiracy was contrived at the *Bear* on the Bridge-foot : This he foretold almost a hundred years before it came to pass : He also prophe-sied that a King of *England* should appear on a Scaffold without his Doublet ; that he should be taken off ; and that in

the place where he was to be beheaded, another had been killed three days before; all which Circumstances were sadly made true by the Lamented Catastrophe of that wretched Monarch and Martyr.

I shall now proceed to those Prophecies which as yet are unaccomplished; Aug. 23d. 5. A quatuorbris dies regis. See.
At the Olympometrical year of 8 and 40. at the end of Cancer, will
be such a Draughte that the Fish in the Water shall be boyled to bone
Consumption; Bear and Bigorne; by brakenis Fire shall be inde
prest; and at last the world shall be burnt up to ashes. And

I shall say no more but that *Bœufs* and *Bigorne*, are two Provinces in France; of the rest let the Reader judge.

Another, to assist poor basket's evad
Reindeer for a time as no home there I could find a place

Thus Englishness is combining its qualities
of Power and Pleasure, still in the same field, for the same ends.

Peace and Plenty shall nothing be praised; before the end of His
Reign the Flower-de-Luce shall be deserted & bodies shall die no more
after. Earth shall be brought back though they shall not be born again.

By Béatrice de Laroche in memory of François, caporain the 16th year
(See *Trag. 32, page 45, de Nostredame*). A. 1339-1340.

But afterwards he ends his tenth Century, *mag. 100*, with this
Prophecy concerning the future Welfare of England.

Legend Empire song per L^o Anglarius, &c.
England at last the worlds Empire shall be
And so shall remain for three hundred and three,
Great Armies shall pass both through Land and ~~Sea~~ ^{Water}
To which the proud Spaniard shall strike and give away.

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